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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

6. (Amended) The method for producing the low-temperature sintered dielectric ceramic material according to claim 4, wherein the quantity of lead included in the stock mixture is set to the required quantity minus the quantity supplied from the lead oxide included in the auxiliary oxide, in the process of preparing the stock mixture to make the dielectric ceramic material.

Add the following new claim:

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11. (New) The method for producing the low-temperature sintered dielectric ceramic material according to claim 5, wherein the quantity of lead included in the stock mixture is set to the required quantity minus the quantity supplied from the lead oxide

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